

REMARKS

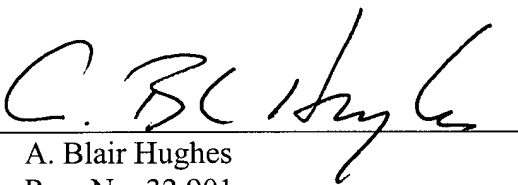
Claims 8 and 10-15 are pending in the application. Claim 8 has been amended to include the feature of dependent claim 9. In other words, amended claim 8 is identical to original claim 9 written in independent form. Claim 9 has, accordingly been cancelled from the application without prejudice. No new matter has been added to the application by way of this amendment to claim 8.

The Examiner rejected claim 8 for obviousness but indicated that dependent claims 9-15 would be patentable in written in independent form.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form in this Reply as claim 8. This amendment renders claims 8 and 10-15 patentable and overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claim 8.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending application claims, is therefore courteously solicited.

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